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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BTIO, ENRG, CE

SUBJECT: U.S. FIRM'S INTEREST IN OIL DRILLING CONTRACT

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY MR. BOB MCMURRAY, HOUSTON ATTORNEY CURRENTLY REPRESENTING PANEC TRADING CO., A PANAMA - REGISTERED HOUSTON FIRM, TO INQUIRE ABOUT PROGRESS ON A BID SUBMITTED TO THE CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR A DRILLING CONTRACT. ACCORDING TOMCMURRAY, PANEC PRESIDENT CHARLES C;SACK SPENT FIRST WEEK OF JUNE IN SRI LANKA AT CPC INVITATION, FOLLOWING WHICH AN EARLIER BID WAS WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED IN REVISED FORM ON JULY 1. PANEC IS NOW GETTING ANXIOUS ABOUT CPC'S DELAY IN ANNOUNCING ITS DECISION AND WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN INDICATION AS TO WHEN FINAL WORD WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

2. COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM TO EMBASSY WILL POSE SAME QUESTION. MCMURRAY REPORTS THAT HE VISITED COLOMBO LAST YEAR AS REPRESENTATIVE OF ZAPATA, ASSOCIATION WHICH IS NOW TERMINATED. INGERSOLL

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